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U.S. Defeat In Cuba Will Require All American Nations To Review Positions

support of the Verona group. Surely every secret agent of interested governments was on the job getting this kind of information, and while some of it may have been incorrect and exaggerated, those who had a right to be informed agreed on the basic data of CIA aid to Cuba rebels.

I think that most Americans are pleased that the rebels should have been aided for two reasons:

1. Because Castro is so despised in this country; and 2. Because it was obvious to the man on the street that Castro's noisy courage was backed by real strength.

Therefore when the rebels made for the beachhead, it was generally assumed that the CIA had ample supplies. It now turns out that both assumptions were incorrect. The CIA's information concerning Cuba seems to have been no better than it was concerning Suez or Hungary or Iraq, or the summit conference at Paris or the attitude of schoolboys in

Tokyo who kept President Eisenhower from visiting that country.

It is clear that the CIA needs an overhauling, both as to personnel and method. It employs too many political philosophers who do their own evaluating and too few ordinary spies who provide data without evaluation. By the time whatever comes to the CIA reaches a President for a decision, it has been mulled over by the junior political philosophers and is practically valueless.

The Hoover Commission, of which President Kennedy's father was a member, looked into the CIA and was astonished at what they found. They requested General Mark Clark to make a study and to file a report. That report has been kept secret from the American Congress and the American people. Before President Kennedy goes any further he might have a look at this report.